(a) among the major challenges like Climate Change, Resources Depletion, Food insecurity, Population Growth, Economic instability that are seriously faced by this country, what is the area of priority in tackling all the above said challenges; and

(b) the resource allocation and the various measures for tackling the above said challenges?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY) : (a) and (b) The priorities of the Government are reflected in the Five Year Plan, which is placed before the Parliament after getting approval of National Development Council (NDC). The sector-wise allocations are made accordingly and are reviewed at the time of discussions in Annual Plan and Mid Term Appraisal (MTA) of the Five Year Plan.

Integrated Energy Policy

†2385. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is considering to formulate an Integrated Energy Policy;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the benefit that the general public is going to have from this integrated policy; and

(d) Government's plans to keep the prices of petrol, diesel and natural gas under control and to what extent these plans have been successful in checking the prices?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY) : (a) An Integrated Energy Policy was approved by the Government in December 2008.

(b) The Integrated Energy Policy highlighted the issues of energy demand, its availability, pricing, research and development activities, efficiencies and security of supply. The Integrated Energy Policy was prepared on the basis of the recommendations made by Expert Committee constituted by the Government in August 2004. The Expert Committee submitted its Report in 2006.

(c) and (d) The approach of Integrated Energy Policy and the road map prepared for managing the energy requirements would help in maintaining the higher economic growth and increase per capita energy availability. Currently, the price of petroleum products like petrol, diesel, LPG and kerosene is under Government control. To keep the prices under control, Government has provided subsidies, oil bonds and upstream discounts on petroleum products like diesel, petrol, LPG and kerosene to meet the under-recoveries of these products.

Population of poor people

†2386. SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD:
SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.